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or fall. With equal reverence we regard the great ordinance of freedom under whose benign influence, within little more than half a century, a wilderness has been converted into an empire. Ohio, the eldest born of the Constitution and the Ordinance, cleaves and will cleave faithfully to both."

S. C. MITCHELL, Richmond College.

PROCLAMATIONS CONCERNING THE LOTTERY FOR VIRGINIA, 1613-1621. The John Carter Brown Library, Providence, Rhode Island, mdcccvii.

The handsomest tribute to the ter-centenary year, in book form, was that of the John Carter Brown Library. The lottery, in regard to which the three proclamations here beautifully reproduce in facsimile, were issued, was for a time the chief financial support of the Company in sending settlers and supplies to Virginia. So it may very properly be considered that the proclamations here reproduced are among the fundamental documents relating to the settlement of the United States.

The fac-similes are preceded by an excellent history of the lottery.

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE PROVINCE OF VIRGINIA. ITS INTERNAL DEVELOPMENT. By Elmer I. Miller, Ph. D., Professor of History and Political Science, State Normal School, Chico, California. Studies in Economics and Public Law. Edited by the Faculty of Political Science of Columbia University. Vol. XXVIII, Number 3, New York. The Columbia University Press. The Macmillan Company, Agents, London, P. S. King & Son, 1907, pp. 182.

This book will be reviewed in our next issue.

THE CONFEDERATE CAUSE AND CONDUCT IN THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES. AS SET FORTH IN THE REPORTS OF THE HISTORY COMMITTEE OF THE GRAND CAMP, C. V., OF VIRGINIA. And Other Confederate Papers. By Hunter McGuire, M. D., LL. D., Late Medical Director Jackson's Corps, A. N. V., and Hon. George L. Christian, Richmond, Va., with an Introduction by Rev. James Power Smith, D. D., Last Survivor of the Staff of "Stonewall" Jackson. L. H. Jenkins, Publisher, Richmond, Va. [1907], pp. 229.

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FROM GOTHAM TO JERUSALEM. A Chronicle of three Observant Pilgrims in Palestine and Elsewhere. By J. Staunton Moore, Richmond, Va., 1906, pp. 248 octavo.

This volume is an intimate relation of a fascinating journey, and a record of a personal experience which adds another interesting point of view to a well beaten path.

In his preface the writer claims one accomplishment—the ability to use his eyes—and the two hundred pages of his book attest plainly that during this journey he used his eyes to the best possible advantage.

His description of Madeira is delightful, and his reader goes along with him through Spain—into Algiers—to Malta and through the Holy Land with great interest and enjoyment.

Personal experiences give a peculiar attraction to this book, and the reader who wishes the frank expression of a knowledge gained by faithful observation can spend a pleasant hour in reading it.

**MATERIALS FOR A HISTORY OF THE WITHER FAMILY.** By the Rev. Reginald Bigg-Wither, M. A., Rector of Wonston, Hants, Winchester. Warren & Son, 85 High Street 1907, pp. 270, with 29 chart pedigrees and 34 illustrations.

**RECORDS OF ROMSEY ABBEY. AN ACCOUNT OF THE BENEDICTINE HOUSE OF NUNS, WITH NOTES ON THE PARISH CHURCH AND TOWN (A. D. 907-1558).** Compiled from Manuscript and Printed Records. By Henry G. D. Liveing, M. A., Vicar of Hyde, Winchester. Warren & Son, 85 High Street, 1906, pp. 342, with 39 illustrations.

Messers Warren & Son, of Winchester, England, have made, in these two volumes, valuable additions to our collection in regard to English genealogy and antiquities.

The family of Wither, of which Withers is of course, only a variant, can be traced to a Lancashire origin in the Twelfth Century. Mr. Bigg-Wither has made a most careful study of the various English lines with which he is connected, and presented the results of his studies in attractive and intelligible form. All who are interested in the family of Wither will find here an immense store of information. No attempt has been made to trace the English ancestry of the Virginia family of Withers (who came from Lancaster); but quite a full account of the Dinwiddie county branch is given. There are a number of pedigrees of families connected with that of Wither.

During the past year the town of Romsey in Hampshire, celebrated with imposing ceremonies the one thousandth anniversary of the founding of the Abbey by Edward the Elder son and successor to Alfred the Great. It was therefore most fitting that there should be ready before the commemoration a scholarly history of the ancient foundation. The work of the Vicar of Hyde has evidently been a labor of love, and no pains have been spared to make the history of the Abbey as complete and authoritative as possible. The life of a great nunnery through the six hundred years of its active existence is full of interest.

Both books are handsomely illustrated.